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Pratik Thakkar is a Counsel in the Dispute Resolution practice (White Collar Crime) group. Prior to joining the Firm, Pratik Thakkar was an associate partner at DSK Legal (Mumbai).

Practices

Dispute Resolution
White Collar Crime (WCC)

Education

LL.M, University of Mumbai
(2014)

LL.B, Jitendra Chauhan
College of Law, Mumbai
University (2012)

B.Com., Malini Kishor Sanghvi
College of Commerce and
Economics University of
Mumbai (2009)

Professional Affiliation

Bar Council of Maharashtra &
Goa

Pratik specializes in White-Collar Criminal Defense, Corporate Investigations, Cyber Laws, and Dispute Resolution. He advises and represents Indian and multinational corporations, high net-worth individuals, and public sector employees across sectors. He has conducted confidential internal investigation in connection with whistle-blower complaints. He also advises and represents clients in investigations and prosecutions conducted by authorities including the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Enforcement Directorate (ED), Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO), Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Economic Offences Wing (EOW), Crime Branch, and local police authorities.

He regularly appears before subordinate criminal courts, various High Courts, and the Supreme Court of India, and routinely accompanies clients during investigations and proceedings before multiple investigating and enforcement agencies.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

In his areas of expertise, Pratik has advised and represented several prominent clients including:

White-Collar Criminal Defense

- High net-worth individuals, and public sector employees in complex white-collar investigations;
- A pharmaceutical company in investigations by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), proceedings under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, and inquiries by the Income Tax Department, as well as labour disputes under the Factories Act and Industrial Disputes Act;
- E-commerce companies on offences under the Arms Act, contraventions under MVAT/GST Act, and compliance issues under the Information Technology Act and Food Safety and Standards Act;
- Logistics companies on compliance and prosecutions under the Shops and Establishments Act, Carriers Act, and E-Cigarettes Act;

Recognitions & Accomplishments

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Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2024.

- **Media and technology companies** in civil and criminal matters including intellectual property infringement and defamation;
- A **multinational infrastructure company** in relation to complaints under the Dock Workers Act;
- **Real estate companies** in investigations conducted by the CBI, EOW, Crime Branch, and local police authorities;
- On matters under the **Maharashtra Protection of Interest of Depositors (MPID) Act**, representing companies and individuals in prosecutions under the Negotiable Instruments Act, and advising multinational companies on compliance and violations under the Legal Metrology Act; and
- On anti-bribery due diligence and investigations, including matters involving the **US FCPA and UK Bribery Act**, and assisting domestic and overseas clients in setting up anti-bribery compliance frameworks.

Dispute Resolution

- Commercial disputes, recovery actions, intellectual property disputes and arbitration proceedings, as well as testamentary and succession matters.

Corporate Investigations

- **Multinational companies** on internal investigations involving employee fraud, financial irregularities, misappropriation, data theft, and sexual harassment;
- Conducts **whistleblower investigations** relating to procurement violations, anti-bribery mechanisms, and environmental and safety compliance, and prepares detailed investigation reports; and
- Pursuing appropriate civil, criminal, and regulatory remedies arising from internal investigations.

Cyber Laws

- Companies on data theft, data security, and compliance under the Information Technology Act; and
- High net-worth individuals in matters involving online frauds and cyber-enabled crimes.